



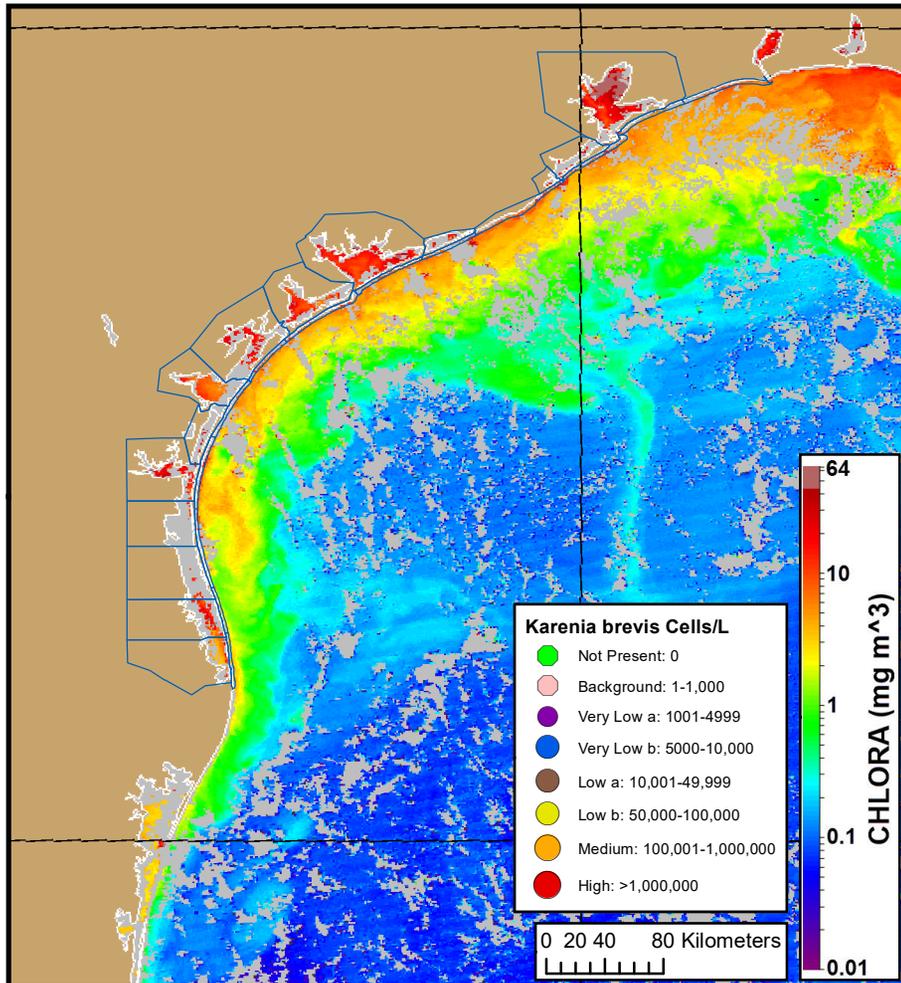
Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Thursday, October 4, 2018
NOAA National Ocean Service
NOAA Satellite and Information Service
NOAA National Weather Service

Region: Texas



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Conditions Report

The bloom of *Karenia brevis* (commonly known as red tide) is no longer detected along the coast of Texas. No respiratory irritation associated with *K. brevis* is expected in this region.

****Note: As of today, October 4, Texas bulletins will no longer be issued. The region will continue to be monitored and twice weekly bulletins will resume as conditions warrant.****

Analysis

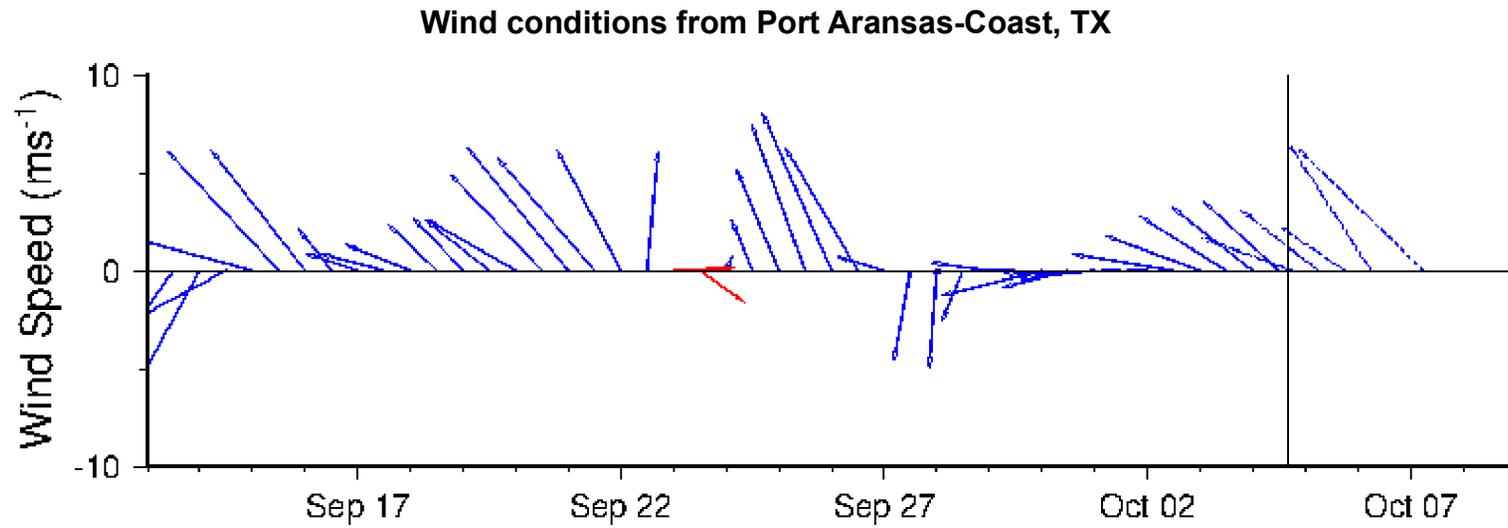
Imagery:

Recent ensemble imagery (MODIS Aqua, 10/2) shows elevated chlorophyll (2-8 $\mu\text{g/L}$) along the coast of Texas from Sabine Pass to Padre Island National Seashore with some of the optical characteristics of *K. brevis*. Elevated chlorophyll in this region is most likely due to the resuspension of benthic chlorophyll and sediments along the coast.

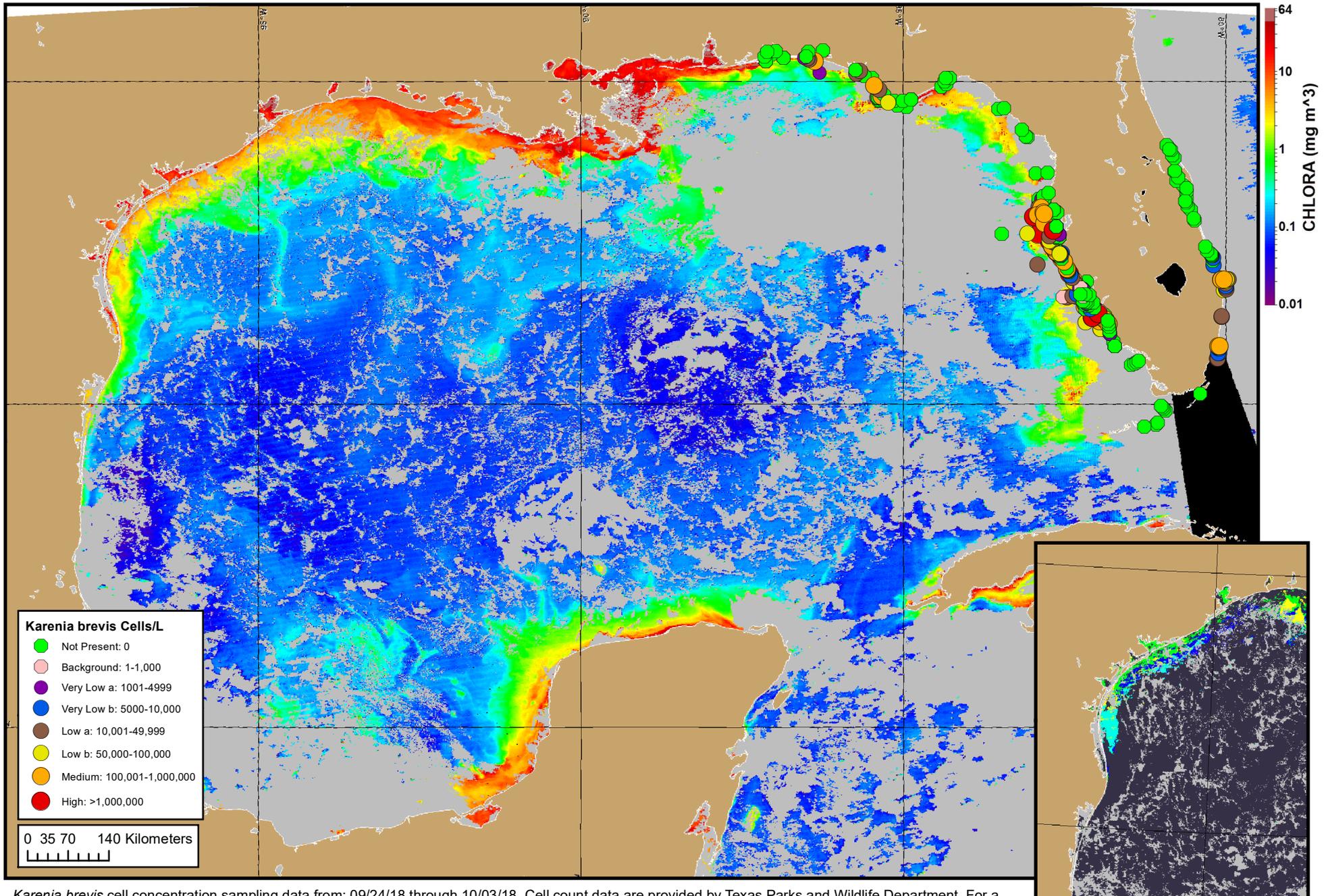
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Karenia brevis cell concentration sampling data from: 09/24/18 through 10/03/18. Cell count data are provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. For a list of sample providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide: https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/hab_publication/GOMX_HAB_Bulletin_Guide.pdf. Detailed sample information can be obtained through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/water/enviroconcerns/hab/redtide/status.phtml>.

MODIS Aqua satellite chlorophyll image (10/02/18) with possible *K. brevis* HAB areas shown by red polygon(s).



Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS). A text summary of the marine forecast by region is available from NWS at <http://go.usa.gov/xnRax>.



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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas with *K. brevis* optical characteristics shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).

MODIS Aqua satellite chlorophyll image (10/02/18).